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Seminole Technology Business Incubation Center



A Place to Nurture Your Small Business

New born babies need extra TLC, and so do brand new small businesses! The Seminole Technology Business Incubation Center (STBIC) provides a warm, supportive environment in which to grow new businesses, especially fledgling innovative technology companies.

With an easy access location in the I-4 Technology Corridor, the STBIC delivers a lot for less. Low cost options that fit the budget of a new company are:

- Office space, starting at 12' x 12'
- Internet connection in every office
- Bookkeeping Support
- Secretarial Support
- Financial Consultants
- Management Consultants
- Human Resources Consultants
- Access to Complete Business Support Network of

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Business Matters Web
Portal - Small Business
Startup Information at Your
Fingertips



- Checklist for Small Business Startup
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Analyzing the Market
- Business Planning
- Choosing & Registering Corporate Structure
- Evaluating the Competition
- Financing the Business
- Licensing & Regulation
- Naming the Business
- Operating & Growing the Business
- More Small Business Links
- Spanish Translation

Starting a small business and not sure where to begin and what has to be done? Take a look at the Small Business Startup section of the Business Matters web portal.

Covering major topics like licensing and regulation, evaluating the competition, financing, and business planning, the Small Business Startup links deliver the correct information for those launching new enterprises in Seminole County, Florida.

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Mentors

- Marketing Assistance
- Technology Cooperative Agreements with Technological Research and Development Authority and the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA)
- On-site Management

With the rental of office space, the new company receives use of a well-equipped Conference/Board Room, a Copier/Break Room, and well-decorated Reception Area. Click here to see more photos, http://www.seminoleinc.com/office-photos.htm.



Boardroom or Conference Room at STBIC

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1445 Dolgner Place Sanford, Florida 32771 Phone: 407.321.3495 Fax 407.321.4184 hardyw@scc-fl.edu With a checklist and small business FAQs, the Business Matters Small Business Startup section is a smart way for entrepreneurs to get guidance on the new venture.

Go to

www.seminolecountyfl.gov/library/business and click into Small Business Startup on left.

Computer Database

Use this resource to search hundreds of technology journals and magazines for articles and analysis.

Find trends, forecasts, hardware & software reviews, tips, ideas, strategies, networking information, case studies, and more.

Premium Info Available Free Online



Go to www.seminolecountyfl.gov/library/business Click into Business Databases on the left.

Summer Series 2008 Small Business Seminars

Coming in June to a Library Branch Near You!

Starting a new business?
Getting writer's block with your business plan?
Business Startup 101

Business Plans 101

A joint venture with the Small Business Development Center at Seminole Community College.



Calendar of Events

*Register Online

April 24 Thursday 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Book an Expert Business Book Club

April 25 Friday 2:00-3:30 pm

Entrepreneurial Drive: Do You Have What it Takes?

June 4 Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Business Startup 101*

June 25 Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm

Business Plans 101*

June 26 Thursday 6:45- 8:00 pm

Book an Expert Business Book Club

July 8 Tuesday 2:00- 4:00 pm

Business Startup 101*

July 15 Tuesday 2:00-4:00 pm

Business Plans 101*

July 29 Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm

Business Startup 101*

August 5 Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm

Business Plans 101*

Delivering Exceptional Customer Experience...how do they do that?



Come discuss at the next meeting April 24th! Book an Expert Business Bookclub

Networking- 6:45 pm, Discussion-7:00-8:00 pm Central Branch Library, Conference Room#2

Topic: Delivering Exceptional Customer Experience Featured book: <u>The Starbucks Experience: 5</u> Principles for Turning Ordinary into Extraordinary

by Joseph Michelli

Refreshments will be served.

A Joint Venture of the Library & the SBDC at SCC.

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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday –Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

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